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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the invention entitled Container Lid With Selectable Opening And Valve Assembly For Retaining A Valve, U.S. Serial No. 10/092,469 which was filed on March 8, 2002.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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